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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Connell Reynolds

Application No.: 10/ 631,146 Group No.: 3736

Filed: 07-31-03 Examiner: TBA

For: Systems and Methods for Locating Blood Vessels

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Commissioner for Patents
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**PETITION TO CLAIM BENEFIT UNDER 35 U.S.C. 119(e)
OF PRIOR FILED PROVISIONAL APPLICATION
(37 C.F.R. 1.78(a)(6))**

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. 1.78(a): "(5)(i) Any nonprovisional application or international application designating the United States of America claiming the benefit of one or more prior-filed provisional applications must contain or be amended to contain a reference to each such prior-filed provisional application, identifying it by the provisional application number (consisting of series code and serial number).

(ii) This reference must be submitted during the pendency of the later-filed application. If the later-filed application is an application filed under 35 U.S.C. 111(a), this reference must also be submitted within the later of four months from the actual filing date of the later-filed application or sixteen months from the filing date of the prior-filed provisional application. If the later-filed application is a nonprovisional application which entered the national stage from an international application after compliance with 35 U.S.C. 371, this reference must also be submitted within the later of four months from the date on which the national stage commenced under 35 U.S.C. 371(b) or (f) in the later-filed international application or sixteen months from the filing date of the prior-filed provisional application. These time periods are not extendable. Except as provided in paragraph (a)(6) of this section, the failure to timely submit the reference is considered a waiver of any benefit under 35 U.S.C. 119(e) to such prior-filed provisional application. The time periods in this paragraph do not apply if the later-filed application is:

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(Petition To Claim Benefit Under 35 U.S.C. 119(e) of Prior Filed Provisional Application(s) [5-1.6])

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(A) An application filed under 35 U.S.C. 111(a) before November 29, 2000; or
(B) A nonprovisional application which entered the national stage after compliance with 35 U.S.C. 371 from an international application filed under 35 U.S.C. 363 before November 29, 2000.

(iii) If the later-filed application is a nonprovisional application, the reference required by this paragraph must be included in an application data sheet (§ 1.76), or the specification must contain or be amended to contain such reference in the first sentence following the title.

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(6) If the reference required by 35 U.S.C. 119(e) and paragraph (a)(5) of this section is presented in a nonprovisional application after the time period provided by paragraph (a)(5)(ii) of this section, the claim under 35 U.S.C. 119(e) for the benefit of a prior-filed provisional application may be accepted during the pendency of the later-filed application if the reference identifying the prior-filed application by provisional application number was unintentionally delayed. A petition to accept an unintentionally delayed claim under 35 U.S.C. 119(e) for the benefit of a prior-filed provisional application must be accompanied by:

(i) The reference required by 35 U.S.C. 119(e) and paragraph (a)(5) of this section to the prior-filed provisional application, unless previously submitted;

(ii) The surcharge set forth in § 1.17(t); and

(iii) A statement that the entire delay between the date the claim was due under paragraph (a)(5)(ii) of this section and the date the claim was filed was unintentional. The Commissioner may require additional information where there is a question whether the delay was unintentional."

1. Applicant hereby petitions, in accordance with § 1.78(a)(6), to claim the benefit, for this application under 35 U.S.C. 119(e) of prior provisional application(s):

Provisional application No: 60/399,982 filed 07/31/2002.

2. Applicant states that the entire delay between the date the claim for the benefit of the earlier application was due under paragraph (a)(5)(i) of 37 C.F.R. § 1.78 and the date this claim is filed was unintentional.

3. The surcharge fee set forth in § 1.17(t), required by 37 C.F.R. 1.78(a)(6)(ii), is paid as follows:

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Effective 10/01/2003. Patent fees are subject to annual revisions.

Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT

(\$ 1300.)

Complete If Known

Application Number	10/631,146
Filing Date	07-31-03
First Named Inventor	Reynolds
Examiner Name	TBA
Group / Art Unit	3736
Attorney Docket No.	61807-1020

METHOD OF PAYMENT (check all that apply)

Check Credit Card Money Order Other None

Deposit Account

Deposit Account Number

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Deposit Account Name

Thomas, Kayden, Horstemeyer Risley, L.L.P.

The Commissioner is authorized to: (check all that apply)

- Charge fee(s) indicated below Credit any overpayments
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FEES CALCULATION

1. BASIC FILING FEE

Large Entity	Small Entity	Fee Description	Fee Paid
Fee Code (\$)	Fee Code (\$)		
1001 770	2001 385	Utility Filing Fee	
1002 340	2002 170	Design Filing Fee	
1003 530	2003 265	Plant Filing Fee	
1004 770	2004 385	Reissue Filing Fee	
1005 160	2005 80	Provisional Filing Fee	
SUBTOTAL (1) (\$)			

2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE

Extra Claims	Fee From Below	Fee Paid
Total Claims		
- 20** =	X 9.00 =	
- 3** =	X 43.00 =	
	145.00 =	
SUBTOTAL (2) (\$)		

**or number previously paid, if greater; For Reissues, see above

FEES CALCULATION (continued)

3. ADDITIONAL FEES

Large Entity Small Entity

Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
1051	130	2051	65	Surcharge-late filing fee or oath	
1052	50	2052	25	Surcharge-late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
1053	130	1053	130	Non-English specification	
1812	2,520	1812	2,520	For filing a request for ex parte reexamination	
1804	920*	1804	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
1805	1,840*	1805	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
1251	110	2251	55	Extension for reply within first month	
1252	420	2252	210	Extension for reply within second month	
1253	950	2253	475	Extension for reply within third month	
1254	1,480	2254	740	Extension for reply within fourth month	
1255	2,010	2255	1,005	Extension for reply within fifth month	
1401	330	2401	165	Notice of Appeal	
1402	330	2402	165	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
1403	290	2403	145	Request for oral hearing	
1451	1,510	1451	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
1452	110	2452	55	Petition to revive-unavoidable	
1453	1,330	2453	655	Petition to revive-unintentional	
1501	1,330	2501	665	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
1502	480	2502	240	Design issue fee	
1503	640	2503	320	Plant issue fee	
1460	130	1460	130	Petitions to the Commissioner	
1807	50	1807	50	Processing fee for provisional application	
1806	180	1806	180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
8021	40	8021	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
1809	770	2809	385	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a))	
1810	770	2810	385	For each add. invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b))	
1801	770	2801	385	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	
1802	900	1802	900	Request for expedited exam. of a design application	
				Petition to Claim Benefit of Prior Filed Provisional Application	1300
				SUBTOTAL (3) (\$)	1300

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